

product used by the farmers all over Kansas as they now use it successfully all over Michigan. It exercises a powerful influence in attracting moisture to growing vegetation, and, in a dry season is invaluable. All along this lovely valley strong men, who like the Kingman, came here with little or no means, are building homes and opening great and small wheat farms. Men of force and character who would give tone to any country. Like the Brothers Kingman, they are planting orchards and vineyards, and gathering about them something more than the common comforts. Mr. J. J. Crippen, of Lawrence, Kansas, banker, has opened a handsome farm near Rock Spring Station, over in the county border. Already he has 900 acres under the plow and will plant it all in winter wheat, besides a large acreage of into breaking, which will be planted to spring wheat in the coming March. All this land was a wild, unbroken prairie last April. Mr. Crippen will open the whole tract of 2,000 acres and make a

ance companies in Europe and America and do a large business in this line. Their high reputation as business men and citizens, with the character and extent of their past work is the best guaranty to those wishing to loan money or buy lands in the richest part of Kansas. They carry strangers over the county free of charge, have their offices stocked with maps and charts and will cheerfully answer personally or by letter, all inquiries about this region. These gentlemen are among the most courteous and obliging of my acquaintances in the Western country. Charles Faulkner, the head of the firm is the typical Western man, strong, positive, clear headed and cultured, comes from the Keystone country and has always been in the front rank of workers for Salina. Fred H. Wildman is a Buckeye, a capital one, too, and one of the best and foremost young men of the city. They have a liberal interest in all the public enterprises and are "sound as the wheat." Both of the firms above named are made of men

Desert," which Victor Cousin pronounced "a great destiny." The Opera House, now being built by an association of public spirited gentlemen, is a model of good taste, will be one of the finest buildings of its class in the State and combine every convenience for dramatic and other public uses. A fine view of this building is herewith given with a word of congratulation to the fortunate community that is to enjoy its privileges. The city has provided seven miles of sidewalk of the most substantial character. Street lamps and good sanitary regulations are among the local blessings, and the yacht association have placed upon the Smoky a pretty steam pleasure yacht at a cost of \$2,000. They do not vegetate in Salina but make the best of human living, and "do it in a very philosophical way."

Some of our State newspapers have protested in strong terms against the nominations recently made by the Republican State Central Committee. They do not object to the candidates but to the prominent men of the State endeavoring to make use of these nominations for satisfying their "vaunting ambition." It does not seem to us as if any harm can come from the action of the committee and we willingly place the names of the nominees at the head of our columns. The committee is certainly to be commended for having dispensed with calling a convention. If one had been called no general interest would have been taken in it and politicians with axes to grind would have accomplished their aims, and the result could not have been much different. Both of the nominees are able, representative men and fitted in every respect for the offices for which they have been nominated, and we willingly support them.

Thus with the Philadelphia Presbyterian: "It has been found that the wheat grown in Kansas produces a flour which can be safely transported across the tropics. At present, Virginia wheat has a monopoly of the intertropical and South American trade, but as the product yearly falls off, and the demand yearly increases, new fields for its cultivation are needed, and Kansas is the quarter to which shippers are looking. Kansas can now go in and win."

And the "four center" of Kansas is Salina. Salina will back her flour against any brand in the Union. Mark that down.

A short time since when it was proposed at Rome that the name of Christopher Columbus should be added to the calendar of saints, it was discovered that beyond a peradventure the said Christopher forgot to marry the mother of his children. Hence Mr. Columbus will go down to the future not as a saint but a great navigator.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean of the 27th ult., contained several illustrations of the milk sold upon the streets of Chicago as it looks under a powerful lens. If they publish a few more such pictures the fellows will object to having their "punches" of the future "saturated" with milk.



The Pacific House.

wheat field, in the next two years, worth coming all the way to Kansas to see. This farm is under the immediate supervision of D. F. Donagan, a practical stock man and farmer, whose liberal experience in Kansas farming and large faith in this country fit him especially for this noble pioneer work. Some fine pure water springs break out on the estate, and with the splendid grazing range surrounding it, make this one of the most desirable places in all the Smoky Hill country. It is known among old stock men as "Rocky Spring Flats," and has for years been a favorite for herdsmen. Mr. Donagan signaled his maiden effort at production here by a 60-acre corn field, 30 acres of turnips, and 100 acres of the famous German or golden millet. These gentlemen will put into their yards 400 cattle this fall to consume their corn, millet and turnip crop. Mr. Crippen is a New Hampshire man and one of those chivalrous, manly men so often meets in the ways of Western travel, and their settlement in Kansas is a compliment alike to their judgment and the rising young state of their adoption.

Speaking of lands and land men I may as well introduce my real estate friends who have these splendid wheat lands to sell by the single acre or by the "league and labor," as the Texas people say. F. M. HAMILTON & CO. are doing a heavy real estate business in conjunction with their loan agency. They have 100,000 acres of wild lands and partially improved farms for sale in Salina, McPherson and Lincoln counties. They are in the great wheat districts and represent, too, the finest stock ranges along the high tables and divides. They do also a liberal business in the location of homesteads, pre-emption and timber claims, pay taxes, perfect titles, make investments for non-residents. They have a heavy line of loans for eastern capitalists upon unencumbered real estate. In the sale of lands they can suit the purchaser with grazing lands at \$1.50 to \$4, grain lands at \$3 to \$10 in the wild state, and partially improved farms at \$4 to \$15 per acre, the price generally depending on location, quality of soil and state of improvement. Their bulletins are covered with choice descriptions of K. P. railroad lands also, which are sold at low rates and on easy terms of payment. This is one of the best firm in the land business in Western Kansas. On its personal hardly too much can be said in praise. Prof. F. M. Hamilton the senior member was formerly superintendent of the Salina city schools, is a gentleman of fine culture, kindly impulse, ripe judgement and generous nature. Mr. S. N. Simpson the junior member of the firm has been in Kansas from the old historic and tragic day, has long been a resident of Lawrence, a Lawrence banker and real estate dealer, and is as thoroughly bred to the real estate business as any man in Kansas. He has the polish and close discipline of the typical New Englander, is a gentleman of refined sensibilities, a careful student of men and things, a clear thinker and like his partner, has the habit of the cultured, courteous gentleman. I like these land men, and them possessed of every advanced facility for the prosecution of the land business and commend them to the 20,000 men who will be looking up farms and homes in this great State the coming year. They have a splendid field for the land commission business and will most cheerfully show strangers over the country or answer any correspondence touching this region. They are doing a large business with Eastern buyers this fall, are men of the highest integrity and standing and know this country as well as if they had made it. Another firm of the same sort and one which I am also glad to introduce to the Advertiser family are

whom it is a pleasure to endorse "to the margin." Among the prominent business and official men and citizens of Salina, I am pleased to name A. M. Campbell, Esq., the popular postmaster of the city. He has held this office for fourteen years and is the oldest postmaster in the State. Mr. Campbell is also a member of the prominent general merchandise house of Campbell, Sloan & Tull. He is a Scotchman by birth, has been in Kansas since 1855, has made a successful and honorable career and is not only a prime officer but a sterling man. Mr. Campbell's administration of the Salina post office is one of the most creditable facts in the history of the city, which his public spirit has done much to build up.

D. B. Powers is "a prince among men" in Salina. He has been here since 1870, is one of the heaviest cattle dealers and government contractors in the country; is at the head of the grain commission house of Powers, Lynde & Co., of Kansas City, has large property interest in and about Salina and is at the head of the firm of Powers & Potter, owners of the heaviest stamp mill in the Black Hills. Mr. Powers is not only in receipt of a handsome daily income from these mills but made a good fortune the past year by driving 15,000 head of cattle through to the Hills and placing them on a splendid market. He was one of the movers in and is one of the heavy backers of the new Opera House project. Always ready to lead in any local undertaking for the good of the city, he is of course held in high local esteem. Mr. Powers is a full bred Western man. He has the bravery, dash, quick perception, clear insight and generous open handed, self-commanding Western way to popularize him anywhere. He is personally strong and popular here as he is everywhere he is known.

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